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## CROP PURCHASE BEGINS EARLY, CONTINUES

CROP PURCHASE TOTALS HALF OF PLANNED AMOUNT -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec,

This year, the crop purchase began earlier than in previous years. By 25 July 1950, 13,500 carloads of grain were purchased in all of Yugoslavia by government agencies. This amount is twice as great as the amount purchased by 10 August 1949. Between 19 and 25 July, purchasing agencies purchased an average of 1,156 carloads of grain per day. This average was increased in August. The purchasing was most successful in the Vojvodina and in Osijek Oblast in Croatia. According to the latest reports, the farmers in the Vojvodina thus far have delivered to the agencies about half of the planned amount of grain.

During the first 10 days in July, purchasing agencies in Croatia purchased. 57 carloads of grain per day, between 10 and 20 July 255 carloads, and between 20 and 31 July 417 carloads. On 1 August, 500 carloads of grain were purchased in Croatia; half of it came from Osijek Oblast. In Osijek Oblast alone, 4,000 carloads of grain have been purchased thus far, or ten times more than during the same period in 1949.

In Croatia, the planned quantity of white grains has already been purchased. About 900 carloads of seed grain have been accepted by the Croatian government purchasing agencies. The best type of wheat, the "V-1" or "Osijecka Sisulja," has yielded an average of 25 to 30 metric centners per hectare this year. The agencies have accepted 340 carloads of "V-1" wheat for seed. This type of wheat grows best in eastern and central Croatia.

1,420 CARLOADS OF GRAIN PURCHASED DAILY -- Belgrade Glas, 13 Aug 50

During the first 10 days of purchasing, the crop-purchasing agencies in Serbia purchased over 270 carloads of grain per day, while during the last 10 days they purchased 1,420 carloads per day.

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